

Renee Herman's

Katie-girl EP Release Party

& Fundraiser



SUNDAY, JUNE 8th @ 7:00 pm

INDUSTRY CAFÉ & JAZZ

6039 Washington Blvd., Culver City

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All Proceeds Benefit EARTH RIGHTS INSTITUTE Odi Eco-village Project
Suggested Donation \$15

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Odi Ecovillage

Odi, a village in the Niger Delta, had been wiped out by the army in 1999. Since 2004, Earth Rights Institute has been helping rebuild Odi by launching the construction of an ecovillage.

Odi Ecovillage Living and Learning Center is a living model of sustainability. It focuses on eradicating poverty, and managing development and the environment in a sustained manner through examples of ecological designs, alternative energy, and community building practices.





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Greening the World: One Song at a Time

Culver City, CA, 5/2/08 – The inspiration of a small village in Nigeria, destroyed by Urban unrest in 1999, struggling to re- invent and sustain itself with innovative green technology has inspired local Los Angeles activists, musicians and business owners to reach out from one community to another. On Sunday, June 8th at 7:00pm, African restaurant and club, Industry Café & Jazz will sponsor a night of live music, raising funds for local Non-Profit Earth Rights Institutes' Odi Eco-Village Project.

The funds will provide the means to finish the Living and Learning Center began by Earth Rights Institute (www.earthrights.net) who has formed a solid relationship with the people and authorities of Odi. Gordon Abiama, Director of the ERI Eco-village explains, "The purpose of an eco-village is to encourage people to live a life in terms of sustainable lifestyle, not ostentatious lifestyle like is lived in developed countries, and that we are now trying to imitate," he says. "They are trying to come back to us, to have a sort of community life where you know your next neighbor. That life, that typical African tradition we want to keep it, but while embracing modern technology, we do not want to draw away from our deep well of traditional creativity, we want to fuse it together."

The desire of Odi's people to connect tradition and innovative thinking to their community is what inspired local singer/songwriter and Berklee College of Music graduate, Renée Herman, to get involved. Renée, who has shared the stage with such musical greats as Steely Dan and Patty Austin, will provide a free copy of her debut EP, *Katie-girl*, to all who donate to Odi. Performing with other renowned Berklee and Musicians Institutes alums , Renee explains "I have lived, studied and performed in communities large and small, in the US and abroad, and I believe the more we can cultivate kinship between our societies, through song, outreach programs and cooperative measures, the stronger the foundation for our own community becomes. It's wonderful that Industry Café and Jazz is sponsoring this event, as the owner, Aron's, own African heritage and authentic African cuisine will provide a great experience for those who come to support Odi."

Ecovillages are one solution to the major problems of our time - the planet experiencing the limits to growth. Ecovillages, by endeavoring for lifestyles which are "successfully continuable into the indefinite future", are living models of sustainability, and examples of how action can be taken immediately. They represent an effective, accessible way to combat the degradation of our social, ecological and spiritual environments.

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